

c. 1910

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Dobbin House  
3112 Golf Course Road West  
Owings Mills, Md. 21117  
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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

DOBBIN HOUSE

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

3112 Golf Course West

Second

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Owings Mills

VICINITY OF

Baltimore

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

\_\_\_DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

\_\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_\_SITE

\_\_\_OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

\_\_\_PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

\_\_\_BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

\_\_\_IN PROCESS

\_\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

\_\_\_UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

\_\_\_YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

#### PRESENT USE

\_\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_EDUCATIONAL

\_\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_MILITARY

\_\_\_MUSEUM

\_\_\_PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Tilton H. Dobbin

Telephone #: 363-0345

STREET & NUMBER

3112 Golf Course Road West

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Owings Mills, Md.

VICINITY OF

Maryland 21117

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courts Bldg.

Liber #: 2244

Folio #: 66

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Towson

Maryland

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_FEDERAL \_\_\_STATE \_\_\_COUNTY \_\_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The DOBBIN HOUSE is a large frame two storey house with a gambrel roof, five bays in length with symmetrical two storey wings the full depth of the main block adding another bay at either end. It dates from the early twentieth century American colonial revival. Its principal facade is to the south and that facade is sheltered by a one-storey shed-roofed porch extending the full length of all seven bays. Off the northwest corner is a one-storey service wing, its orientation diagonal to that of the main block with a ridge in its gabled roof extending southwest-to-northeast. It may be earlier than the main block although all visible details appear to be contemporary with it. All exterior walls are covered with wood shingles.

The principal entrance is centered in the south front with a secondary one in the north end adjacent to the principal staircase. The south entrance is surrounded by sidelights and transom and it is flanked by a window on either side, this expanded tri-partite feature embellished with Tuscan pilasters flanking each element. Three closely-spaced 6/6 windows in a shallow projecting bay are in the second storey immediately above in the south entrance. Typical windows throughout are 6/6 with louvred blinds. Dormers have hipped roofs.

A very wide center hall extends through the main block with an open stair rising in a continuous curve at its north end, screened by columns. A large drawing room is east of the hall and a large dining room is to the west. Secondary rooms are north of these two principal rooms. Fireplaces are centered on the north walls of the principal rooms and on the west wall of the center hall. The mantels of the center hall and dining room are of the early twentieth century, having fluted Ionic columns supporting a classical entablature; a shouldered architrave at the drawing room fireplace supports a frieze with shaped ends and a cornice shelf and applied panels above and below a chair rail in that room recall eighteenth century detailing.

A small shingled frame barn stands northwest of the house, its broad gambrel roof recalling that of the main house.

# **8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The DOBBIN HOUSE is a large early twentieth century rendition of the American colonial revival, its two storey form with a gambrel roof recalling early New England forms. The small barn, contemporary with the house, recalls a similar heritage with similar forms, its small size reflecting its suburban location.

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The Dobbin House was built on land owned by Ellin North Elder. George Elder acquired the piece of land and sold it to May S. Levering and her husband on June 4, 1901 (Baltimore County Land Records - BCLR - County Courts Bldg., Towson, Md.) Liber 253, folio 208.

Mr. and Mrs. Levering sold the place to Loring A. Cover on August 5, 1909 (BCLR, Liber 348, folio 1284). Mr. Cover then remodded extensively. Two large wings were built on the house and Mr. Wilson Levering Smith was the architect. The Covers lived here for many years. At the death of Mr. Cover his executor sold the place to Russell Hopkinson and his wife, Mary L. Hopkinson for the sum of \$48,000 (Liber 1830, folio 255), on April 17, 1956.

A few years later Mr. and Mrs. Hopkinson sold to Tilton H. and Julia B. Dobbin. BCLR Liber 2244, folio 66, February 2, 1963. The Dobbins are the present owners.

#### Tenant House

The small house on the northeast side of the Dobbin property was built about 1929 by Mr. Loring Cover for his tenants, the Bennett Colwell family. On April 17, 1950, the whole estate was sold by the executors of Mr. Loring Cover to Russell Hopkinson and his wife, Mary L., for the sum of \$48,000. (BCLR Liber 1830, folio 255).

Mr. and Mrs. Hopkinson then sold off the tenant house and a small piece of land to Mrs. Louise Dawson White (BCLR, Liber 2279, folio 263, April 16, 1953). Mrs. White lived here for seven years and then sold to John R. Wilson and his wife, Jeremy B. (Liber 3786, folio 448).

Mr. Robert Randolph then purchased the place from Mr. and Mrs. Wilson on November 6, 1961 (Liber 3918, folio 23).

On May 29, 1968, Mr. Randolph who in the meantime had married sold to Tilton H. Dobbin and his wife (Liber 4880, folio 653). The Dobbins had purchased the main estate in 1953. Once more the original place was back to the way it was in 1929 under one ownership. The Dobbins have rented the house to various tenants since 1968.

#### Footnotes on Tenant House

All information obtained through conversations with Mrs. Tilton Dobbin, Mrs. Grace Cover Symington, Mr. Loring Cover and Mr. Bennett Colwell.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Baltimore County Land Records, Baltimore County Courts.Bldg., Towson, Md.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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Valleys Planning Council

DATE

April 1980

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Dobbin House

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BA 1627

Dobbin Barn

MGSVHD

Golf Course  
Road

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